

Sample English Paper CLASS-X

**Time: 3 HRS Section a Marks: 70
Reading Skills CCE/Internal Assessment: 30**

**1 Read the passage given below and answers the questions that follow: -
10 Marks**

The old man remained dreaming in the sun. His kite shop had gone, the premises having been sold years ago to a junk dealer. But he still made kites for his own amusement and as playthings for his grandson Ali. Not many people bought kites these days. Adults disdained them and children preferred to spend their money at the movies. Moreover, there were few open spaces left for flying kites. The city had swallowed up the great ground which had stretched from the old fort walls to the river-bank. But the old man remembered a time when grownups flew kites from the ground and great battles were fought.

Questions:

1. Where was the old man sitting? Did he still make Kites? **2**
2. Who had bought his shop? **2**
3. Why did the children not buy kites any more? **2**
4. Complete the following sentences:-
(a) There were few open spaces..... **1**
(b) His kite shop..... **1**

OR

Read the poem given below and answer the question that follows:-

Not gold, but only men make
A people great and strong
Men who, for truth and honor's sake,
Stand fast and suffer long.
Brave men who work while others sleep,
Who dare while others fly
They build a nation's pillars deep,
And lift them to the sky.

Questions:-

1. What makes a nation great and strong? **2**
2. What do the brave men do while others sleep? **2**

3. How can they lift a nation to the sky? **2**
4. Complete the following:-
(a) Brave men who..... **1**
(b) Stand fast and..... **1**
5. Match the words under column A with their meaning under column B
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| A | B |
| Truth | Challenge $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Dare | Reality $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Suffer | Endure $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Lift | Raise $\frac{1}{2}$ |

Section B(Text Books)

English Main Course Book

2. (A) Answer the following questions in 10-20 words each 3%2&6

1. Why was the Happy Prince crying? (The Happy Prince)

OR

What were the two prized possessions of Jim and Delta (A Gift for Christmas?)

2. What is really needed in the world today? (Where is Science? Taking us?)

OR

What rewards did the three goddesses promise Paris? (The War of Troy)

2. How can one have a real escape from fear? (Secret of Happiness)

OR

What troubled the Youngman in the garret? (The Happy Prince)

(B) Answer the following questions in 30-50 words each. 2%4&8

1. Write in brief the message given by Mr.Kangwa? (Secret of Happiness)

OR

Why Prince was called the Happy Prince? (The Happy Prince)

2. What was the dispute between the three goddesses? (The War of Troy)

OR

What should be the ultimate aim of science? (Where is Science?)

Taking us?)

English Literature Books

3. (A) Answer the following questions in 25-30 words each. 3%

1. Who was Robert Harding? Who lived with him? (A Vine on a House)

OR

Where had Matilda gone? (A Vine on a House)

2. How did the author lose his eyesight? (Bed Number-29)

OR

What did he do before he lost his eyesight? (Bed Number-29)

3. Why was Bobby Gillan not Happy with the money given to him?
(One Thousand Dollars)

How did Subbiah manage to get rice during the drought? (Half a Rupee Worth)

POETRY

4. (A) Answer any two of the following questions after reading the stanza. 2%

Whose passions not his masters are,
Whose soul is still prepared for death?
United unto the world with care,
Of public fame or private breath;

1. What is happy man not afraid of?
2. What is a happy man not slave of?
3. For what is his soul prepared?

(B) Answer the following questions in 25-30 words: 1%

1. How does a contented man have all without having anything? (Character of A Happy Man)

OR

What is the central idea of the poem "Death the Leveller"?

Section C (Vocabulary) (4 Marks)

5.(a) Fill in the blanks with suitable words from those given in brackets.
2%1&2

1. She gave.....to a baby girl. (Birth, berth)

2. I.....whose house this is! (Wonder, wander)

(b) Use any two of the following idioms in sentences of your own. 2%1&2
Crocodile tears, Apple of discord, with flying colors.

Section-D

Objective Type Question: It is compulsory to attempt this question. It has 15 sub-question of 1 Mark each. (15 Marks)

Do as directed:

Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners given in the bracket.

(a) My mother was.....old lady (a, an, the)

(b) I have.....work at home (much, many) 2%1&2

Choose the correct prepositions:

(a) We belong.....a great country (from, to, with)

(b) Ice cream is made.....milk (of, from, with) 2%1&2

Fill in the blanks with the suitable modal

(a).....that I was rich. (Will, would, must)

(b) This.....is Satyajee Ray film. (May, might not, very sure)

(c) Work hard lest you.....fail. (Would, should) 3%%1&3

Pick out the Non-finite

(a) I want to help the poor (pick out the non-finite)

(b) I am afraid of.....in the court (appearing/ to appearing) 2%1&2

Change the Voice:

(a) He is known to me.

(b) It is time to take tea.

(c) Thieves are.....police (arrested by/ arrested from) 3%1&3

Fill in the blanks with Present Continuous / Past Tense

(a) Itraining since morning (is, has been, have been)

(b) He writes a letter. (Change into Past Tense)

(c) We.....football (play) (Change into Present Continuous Tense) 3%1&3

SECTION-E 6 Marks

7(a) You are Deepak Kapoor living at 119 a, 15 D Mogul .Write a letter to your friend telling him about the abuses of drugs.

OR

Imagine you are Balvir Kumar; you live at 1124 A-Sant Nagar, Amritsar. You want to buy some books. Write a letter to the Manager Lyall Book Depot, Ludhiana, ordering books of your choice.

(b) Read the passage given below and make notes: 4 Marks

Soil erosion, caused wind and rain, can change land by wearing down mountains, creating valleys, making rivers appear and disappear. It is a slow and gradual process that takes thousands, even millions of years. But erosion may be speeded up greatly by human activities such as farming and mining. Soil develops very slowly over a long period of time but can be lost too quickly. The clearing of land for farming, residential and commercial use can quickly destroy soil. It speeds up the process of erosion by leaving soil exposed and also prevents development of new soil by removing the plants and animals that help build humans. Today's farmers try to farm in a way that reduces the amount of Erosion and soil loss. They plant cover crops or use a no till method of farming. Soil is an important resource that we all must protect. Without soil there is no life.

OR

You are Balvir Singh, Head boy of Govt. High School, Rahon, Saheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, draft a notice for the House Caption to attend a meeting with the Headmaster for the allocation of duties for maintaining discipline in the school.